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DEPARTMENT FOR A, WHITE HOUSE FOR MS. MARY HOYT,  
PRESS SECRETARY TO MRS. CARTER

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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED REMARKS FOR MRS. CARTER

1. FOLLOWING ARE THREE SUGGESTED TEXTS FOR MRS. CARTER'S BOGOTA  
VISIT: ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS AND DINNER TOAST.

2. ARRIVAL STATEMENT:  
IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE BACK IN BOGOTA. MY HUSBAND AND I CARRY  
WITH US MANY PLEASANT MEMORIES OF OUR TRIP HERE IN 1972 AND OF  
THE GRACIOUSNESS AND HOSPITALITY WITH WHICH WE WERE RECEIVED BY  
COLOMBIANS IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE.  
IT HAS BEEN OUR DESIRE TO PAY A RETURN VISIT.  
ON OUR PREVIOUS TRIP WE REPRESENTED THE PEOPLE OF OUR HOME  
STATE -- GEORGIA. ON THIS OCCASION, I AM PRIVILEGED TO  
BRING YOU THE GREETINGS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES,  
AND MY HUSBAND THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME TO EXTEND HIS  
PERSONAL BEST WISHES TO YOU.  
WE SHARE COMMON GOALS AND COMMON BURDENS. IN HIS SPEECH TO  
THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES IN APRIL, PRESIDENT CARTER  
POINTED OUT THAT "THE OAS CHARTER PLEDGES US TO THE PRINCIPLES  
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OF INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE." HE WENT ON TO SAY  
THAT "THE CHALLENGE BEFORE US TODAY IS ... TO FIND WAYS TO MAKE  
THESE PRINCIPLES A REALITY."  
I HOPE THAT MY TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THIS  
PROCESS.  
COLOMBIA IS A UNIQUE COUNTRY. WE VALUE HIGHLY OUR POLITICAL,  
ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL TIES WITH YOU. WE ADMIRE YOUR DEDICATION

TO DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, AS WE KNOW IT IS NOT EASY TO NURTURE DEMOCRACY IN A WORLD CONFRONTING SUCH ENORMOUS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS. BUT TOGETHER WE SHALL WORK TO ASSURE A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE.

INHERENT IN YOUR POLITICAL SYSTEM IS A FUNDAMENTAL RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. WE COMMEND YOU FOR THIS AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO JOIN WITH US IN OUR OWN EFFORTS TO FOSTER GREATER RESPECT FOR THE DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

I LOOK FORWARD TO CONFERRING WITH YOUR PRESIDENT ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN TO OUR COUNTRIES. AND I HOPE TO MEET AND EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH AS MANY COLOMBIANS AS POSSIBLE DURING MY BRIEF STAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3. DEPARTURE STATEMENT:

MY STAY HERE IN BOGOTA HAS BEEN TOO BRIEF TO APPRECIATE ADEQUATELY THE BEAUTIES OF ANY COUNTRY--ITS PEOPLE, GEOGRAPHY AND CUSTOMS. IT IS EVEN MORE DIFFICULT WHEN ONE MUST MEET THE DEMANDS OF A PRESSING SCHEDULE.

NONETHELESS, I CAN HONESTLY SAY THAT AFTER MY TALKS WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND MY MEETINGS WITH NUMEROUS OTHER COLOMBIANS, I HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF COLOMBIA, A SURER FEEL FOR ITS PEOPLE, ITS INSTITUTIONS AND ITS PROBLEMS.

THE FRIENDLINESS AND CORDIALITY WITH WHICH I HAVE BEEN RECEIVED HAVE ENHANCED THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS. THE FRANK AND SINCERE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WHICH I HAD WITH YOUR PRESIDENT WILL FORM THE BASIS OF EVEN CLOSER COLLABORATION BETWEEN COLOMBIA AND THE UNITED STATES NOT ONLY IN HEMISPHERIC AFFAIRS BUT IN OTHER IMPORTANT AREAS OF INTERNATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RELATIONS AS WELL.

MOST CERTAINLY I AM IMPRESSED WITH COLOMBIA AND ITS POTENTIAL FOR THE FUTURE. YOUR TALENTED PEOPLE, WORKING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF YOUR STRONG AND VIABLE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, CAN SET AN ENVIABLE EXAMPLE -- NOT ONLY IN LATIN AMERICA BUT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

MY VISIT HAS ALSO HELPED ME TO APPRECIATE FURTHER THE CAPACITIES OF WOMEN IN THIS PART OF THE HEMISPHERE, IN PARTICULAR, THEIR IMPORTANT PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE AS WELL AS THEIR TRADITIONAL ROLE IN THE HOME.

COLOMBIANS AND AMERICANS SHARE MANY BASIC VALUES, AMONG WHICH ARE A RESPECT FOR THE DIGNITY OF MAN AND A DEDICATION TO FREEDOM AND INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE. I AM CONFIDENT THAT OUR COMMONALITY OF INTERESTS WILL ENABLE US TO WORK TOGETHER, BOTH NOW AND IN THE FUTURE, TO PROMOTE THE PHYSICAL, MORAL AND INTELLECTUAL WELL-BEING OF OUR CITIZENS.

I HOPE THAT OUR PATHS WILL CROSS AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HASTA LA VISTA.

4. DINNER TOAST:

MR. PRESIDENT, MRS. LOPEZ, MISTER FOREIGN MINISTER, DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I AM INDEED PLEASED AND HONORED TO BE YOUR GUEST TONIGHT.

I THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, FOR YOUR KIND WORDS.

FOR OVER 150 YEARS NOW, COLOMBIA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE ENJOYED THE FRUITS OF A TRADITIONALLY WARM RELATIONSHIP. WE HAVE ALWAYS SOUGHT TO RESOLVE ANY DIFFERENCES IN A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING. IT IS THIS SPIRIT WHICH I BRING WITH ME NOW ON MY RETURN VISIT TO YOUR BEAUTIFUL LAND.

MR. PRESIDENT, DURING YOUR STATE VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN 1975, YOU STATED THAT, "WHAT IS REQUIRED IS A NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICA JOINTLY FORMULATED BY BOTH PARTIES ACCORDING TO THEIR NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS." IN HIS RECENT SPEECH BEFORE THE OAS, MY HUSBAND ECHOED THIS OPINION AND THAT OF SIMON BOLIVAR, WHO BELIEVED THAT WE WOULD REACH OUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOALS ONLY WITH OUR PEOPLES FREE AND OUR GOVERNMENTS WORKING IN HARMONY. MY VISIT HERE IS ONE MORE STEP TOWARD THE REALIZATION OF JUST SUCH A POLICY.

I ASK THAT YOU JOIN ME NOW IN A TOAST TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT OF COLOMBIA, TO MRS. LOPEZ, AND TO THE PEOPLE OF COLOMBIA. MAY OUR TWO GREAT NATIONS ALWAYS PROSPER, NURTURED BY THEIR COMMON GOAL OF PROVIDING DEMOCRACY, FREEDOM, AND JUSTICE TO ALL OF THEIR PEOPLE.

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